



## **Newsletter Autumn 2007**

As usual we have a mixed bag of news to report.

Wine Tasting This was a great success, the evening becoming livelier as it progressed! It was a pleasure to meet so many FOBH supporters in a social setting. The evening was completed by a tasty supper. Many thanks to Peter and Jenny Burley for their major contribution to an enjoyable evening.

Action Day We collected a mixture of litter in October. The “star” item was a complete bathroom suite plus tiles and shower-curtain fly-tipped in bushes near Harpenden Road.

Trees Ten native trees have been planted to replace those fallen due to old age or storm damage. Many thanks to those who took part on the day.

Sadly, of the six trees planted by SADC to replace those unaccountably cut down (also by SADC), five have been vandalised. It is sad that a few local people have so little regard for their environment that they find it acceptable to spoil an area so wantonly.

Police Liaison On the same theme, representatives of your committee have had a ward meeting with the local police where we expressed concern over the amount of litter being left around the benches provided by FOBH. Nearly every morning, local users of the Heath pick up bags of litter containing cans, and glass and plastic bottles. SADC has agreed to the provision of more litter bins.

FOBH Leaflet This will be largely based on our information boards and will form part of a series produced by St Albans Council, giving information on local walks. It is now nearing completion and will be available in the Tourist Information Centre.

Planning Applications Following requests, FOBH made representations against applications to build gated flats in Heath Farm Lane, and a large house on Sandridge Road. Both applications were refused.

Japanese Knotweed This has markedly decreased but we are still being vigilant!

Your suggestions Are there things you think we should be doing? What are your priorities? The FOBH boundaries extend from Beech Road to Carlisle Avenue and Townsend Drive, and the north side of Sandpit Lane to Lancaster Road. Do we need more litter-bins, improved paths, trees? Are there particular concerns that you feel

FOBH should be addressing? Please let us know via email, phone or letter and we will try to respond.

AGM This will be held at 9.30am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at Heath House. All are welcome! If you have suggestions for nominations to the committee (also very welcome) please phone 811414 or email: [chairman@bernardsheath.org](mailto:chairman@bernardsheath.org)

Next Action Day Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008 from 9.30am; please meet at Heath House. An hour of your time could make a huge difference to the woodland, play area and field; Bernards Heath belongs to us all and is a unique asset to the area.

And finally.... Membership for 2008 is due, still at £10 per family. Please fill in the form overleaf and include children's names if you would like an identity badge for them.

Happy Christmas and New Year from FOBH committee.

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Membership Renewal

Family name.....tel.....

Address.....email.....

Children's names (if applicable).....  
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I enclose £10 for annual membership. (Cheques payable to Friends of Bernards Heath)

Signed .....

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